Table 55. Employment in the Photovoltaic Manufacturing Industry, 1996-2005

Year	Number of Companies	Number of Person-Years
1996	25	1,280
1997	21	1,736
1998	21	1,988
1999	19	2,013
2000	21	1,913
2001	19	2,666
2002	19	2,696
2003	20	2,590
2004 2005 <sup>p</sup>	19	2,916
2005 P	29	3,108

P = Preliminary. Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-63B, "Annual Photovoltaic Module/Cell Manufacturers Survey."